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New York, Monday, August 21, 1854. Malla for the Pacific.

THE NEW YORK HERALD-CALIFORNIA EDITION. The United States mail steamship Empire Sty, Capt. & abun, will leave this port this afternoon, at two School for Asmowall.

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corts, will be published at ten o'clock in the morning. Single coules sixpence Agents will please send in heir orders as early as possible.

Pho News.

CONFLAGRATIONS AND LOSS OF LIFE.

About one o'clock veste day morning a fire broke out to W lliamsbu g, at No. 7 Battle row, in North First street, near Tenth. The building was tenant ed by a number of famile. The fire spread with such rapidity has many of the inmates had great difficulty in effecting their escape, woman and two men perished in the flames. A man name! Monahan immed from a third story window, and thus escaped a dread ul death. The adjoining dwellings caught fire and were somewhat asmaged. Mr. Pinkney, who so upied one of these buildings, was kindly assisted by several persons in removing his furniture, a portion of which was stolen. Among other plun der obtained by the disinterested friends was about one thousand dollars in money, which was abstract ed from a boreau. A man name i John O'Hare was arrested by the police on sus icton of having set the building on fire. At last accounts the bodies of \$-o of the unfortunate vi t ms had been extricated from beneath the mass of rubbish, and the firemen were working naremistedly to recover the one still remaining under the rutes.

On Sanday morning the stable of Mr. Carll, in Fulton street, Brooklyn, containing thirty horses and a large number of vehicles, caught fire from some unknown cause. The horses and carriages sere got out, but the other contents of the stable were either totally destroyed or g eatly damaged. The adjoining building took fire, but through the exertions of the firemen it escaped with sight injury bely. At this fire a col red man was run over by of the engines and so badly hurt that he died in a few more nes, and a man named Kearney was ka cked down and severely braised.

Full accounts of these fires are given elsewhere. together with reports of mose that o cur ed in the city and the processings instituted by the Fir-Murshal before the magist ates against parties charged with arson.

ADVANCE IN RAILBOAD PARE AND PRESCRIP. Elsewhere we publish a report of the proceed ings of the convention of representatives of the New York and Erie, New York Central, Hudson River, Penn-ylvania Central, and Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Companies, watch met at the St. Nicoolas Huel, in this city, last veck. The result of the deliberations involves a gaueral advance of charges on freight and passengers, and a reduction of speed and amount of service. Freight for the present is to be advanced about ten per tent, with a further in rease later in the season. saving to all the roads is auticipate and agente. The free pa-s system has been abridged, and the total ab ogation of the practice is rec mmended to the execution off ers of the respective companies. A uniform classification of freights on the four great lines has been adopted, and the charges equalized. Measures are to be taken to obtain an adequate increase of compen-ation for the mail service, it having been found or examination that this service is performed twentyfee per cent cheaper than freight of the lowest grade. The fare on the Erie and Central roads to Buffs o is to be advanced on too lat September to eight dollars, and during the winter to nine dollars. The re ent rise in prices and full in the value of ratiroad stock has rendered retreuchment necessar, and the convention probably con lude these measures are the least objectionable as well as the most compatible with convenience and safety.

AFFAIRS IN HONDURAS. Our correspondent at Omea, in a letter which is given elsewhere, furnishes some interesting intornation concerning the intrigues of the politicians of Central America. In addition to the intestine troubles from which that region is now suffering. there is a familier in the land, the bousts having derastated the entire country. Large orders have been sent to the United States for the purchase of breadstuffs. In one of-trict the population was saved from starvation by the timely arrival of a cargo of core, waich was p esented to the famish I g ionabian a by the House as Railroad Comesay With regard to the locusts, the government of Gua temala has organized a commission to devise means to extermit are the so destructive insects. APPAIRS IN CORA.

We have received our letters and files o' p pers & m Havana to the lith last, but nothing of any monortance had transaired on the island since the date of previous advices. Interesting letters from our Havana correspondents win be found in a other

MISCELLANGOUS. In snother part of to tuy's osper may be found an secount of the arrest a dexam a sinu of a number of persons, who have for some time past been en gaged in passing off spurious con upon the public. Several of the persons were stage drivers, and it is su posed that there are others of the same o capa tion who are en, aged in this netarious business. The police deserve credit for be sking up this extensive gang of counterfeiters, and it is to be to ed that they will keep a sharp look out for those that yet remain modetected.

There were twenty seven deaths from yellow favein the Charit, Hos trai, New Orleans, during the week ending the 12th bestant. In Savannah, during the pest week, there had been out three fat il cases of this clease, and in Charleston it was prevaling to a very himited extent.

Miller, the man who accuses himself of committing a murder in New Jersey, and who re ently arrive at I hiladel; bis from Port an Prince, resolved to as plate his offence according to law, is lying in the prise a hospital very sick, and doubts are entertained of his recovery. Some account of tals singular "care of em-cience," walch is just now exciting considerable attention, may be found in another co-

a notice has been issued, calling a meeting of th Deno ratio State Committee, as the Aster House,

on Wednesday next. We publish to-day some additional foreign news,

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Our New Policy with Regard to spale. The appointme tof Dan Jose de la Concha to the government of Caba, is a sign ficant indication of an entire . hange of policy on the part of Spain towards tois country. This important news, arriving on the same day on which Mr Sickles returned to Europe with official replies to the despatches of Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Soulé, relative to the late movements in the Spanish peninsula, confirms the impression which row seems generally to prevait, that a sort of mutual understanding has already been established between the representatives of both governments. In fact, it is already openly given out by the friends of Gea. Pierce's administration that the views of the latter with regard to Cuba will be monified to suit the altered aspect of affairs in Spain, so that, for the present at least, all projects for the acquisition of the island by purchase or by forcible seizure will be coldly boked upon and discouraged. That there are other means of arriving at the same end, and that those means have entered into the calculations of our government in the consideration of the instructions sent back through Mr. Sickles to our ministers at London Paris and Madrid, future events will de-

We have always regarded the project of purchasing Cuba as visionary and impracticable Degraded and dishouored as Spain may have been by the profligacy of her court and the corruption of her successive administrations, we never yet could w llingly admit the supposition that they would be so lost to all sense of shame as to be parties to so disgraceful a barga n. When, under the Polk administration the offer of one hundred millions made through Gen. Saunders was judignantly refused, it was not likely that any other proposal of a similar character made under less favorable circumstances-that is to say, after the suggestion of the employment of force as the alternativewould be listened to for a moment. Such a prostitution of the powers entrusted to them would have long since brought Sartorius and his colleagues to the miserable pass in which they now find themselves. What was difficult then has become impracticable now, under an administration which professes to consult only the honor and interests of Spain. Espartero would never consent to barter for money one of the brightest jewels of the Spanish crowa. What other price he may attach to it, if willing to alienate it at ail, the progress of events in Europe alone will decide.

With a government established by the unanimons choice of the Spanish nation, and sympatoizing, in political feeling, with the people of this country, all ideas of possile action with regard to Cuba are, of course, equally out of the question. Such a government will not only find it congenial to it- inclination, but to its interests, to satisfy every reasonable claim that we may have against it. As an evidence of its desire to conciliate the good feeling and friendship of the people of Cuba, the new ministry send out as Captain-General. Don José de la Concha, certainly one of the honestest men that have ever exercised authority in the Island, and whose course in regard to the slave trade bas always been marked by a desire to discharge the duties of his high office in a manner calculated to soothe and soften down any causes of irritation that might arise, from time to time, between Spain and the rest of the world. He was the first Governor of the island whose character, and conduct placed him beyond the reach of suspicion. The appointment of such a man, at such a time, is therefore an earnest that an end will be at once put to the petty insults and annoyances that have created so much ill blood and angry feeling between Spain and the United States.

Whether, therefore, our objects with regard to Cuta are to be attained by a complete and thorough reformation in the system of aggression lately pursued by its government toward-American interests, or whether the island is ultimately to fall into our po session in a manner which will neither lower the dignity of the Spanish people nor subject us to the imputation of employing force for the purpose of wresting from a weaker nation one of its most valuable possessions, both Spain and the United States can only beautit by the new line of policy inaugurated in the person of General Concha. If Cuba is to continue a dependency of spain, there is certainly no one who will be more thoroughly disposed to arry out the condiitions upon which alone the United States will con-cut to relinquish its designs upon it. If it is to be acquired by this country in the manner in which we have hinted just now, and which has not as yet assumed a sufficiently definite form to be more spec fically alluded to, the administration of Concha under the new regime will have paved the way for the more ready assimilation of Cuban and American feetings and interests. Most of the prejudices and ill blood that have been so carefully fostered by the late Spanish officials in the island, will have by that sine, if not whotly disappeared, at I ast have become greatly modified. In the meanwhile the mother country will have benefitted largely by this imroyed state of things. Having no longer any h stile designs to apprehend on the part of the United States, she will be a bled to diminish he strength of the military and naval forces which she is now compelled to maintain for the defence of the island. The amount of revenue which she draws from it will be proportionatey increased by this reduction of her present orced expenditure, so that instead of being a source of embarra sment and apprehension, Cuba may ultimately become an clement of

trength to ber. To secure this prospect, it is evident that Spain will have to emancipate herself entirely from the state of tutelage in which she has been so long kept by the English and French governmenta. She must be either entirely with as or against us. It she means to hold on to 'uba, she must shake off the Angle-French in duence which has hitherto proved such a fruit al ource of misery to her, and look for support in quarters where her sufferings will me with sympathy and her liberal impulses with occuragement. Should she, however, enter ain larger and broader views of the necessi ties of her polition than can be satisfied by th restricted programme of her present adminiration, then Cuba will not be too dear a prin to pay for that material support which she wil equire to assist her in maintaining her new in situtions in the midst of the rivalries and ica tensies that will be employed to subvert then leany event, it is to this country, and to this country alone, that Spain will have to look for the consolidation of her liberties.

The war whoop as h rdly rang through the

camp of the Sar t ga co went on before diese sion mak sit entran e, and the two component sections of the new Northern party fall upon each other with terrible virulence. Just as the Northern patriots were about to destroy the old whig and semocratic parties, and raise Seward to the highest pitch of his ambition on a new platform, bulf the stancheons of the edifice give way, and half the patriots turn to with a will to belahor the other half. The genuine or g nal old free soilers of the Van Buren brand will not be led by the nose by Seward. "Puerile and impotent," says their organ, "bas been the Saratoga Convention:" indignation and contempt" are the only seniments it arouses. These are, no doubt, very ust and proper reflections; but they come with peculiar grace from the very clique which made such heroic endeavors to set the "contemptible" movement on foot, and to rally a respectable show of speakers at the " puerite and impotent" convention. In the origin, the atempt to organize a Northern sectional party out of the excitement caused by the Nebrasks bill, was made on joint account by whigs and free soil democrats. All the disappointed office seekers, all the broken down politicians, all the dislocated fragments of obsolete parties, and all the loose, idle and disorderly mob orat rs in the country jumped at the idea of a new platform on which they could asemble fraternally, and take the chances of something turning up in the shape if spoils. The preparatory meetings and posbolling committees contained Van Burenites and Sewardites, a strag plank or two from the Albany Regency and a general omnium guth erum of all sorts of grumbling philosophers and social revolutionists. Out of these heterogeneous materials, it was announced that the great Northern party was to be evolved. The only people in the plot who seem to have had a fixed purpose were the Se vard men, who looked directly to the Presidency of their chief through the agency of the new faction : the free soil democ ats and their associates of all hues and stripes joined in the movement without any definite plan, trusting to chance affording them some recompense for their labors. They were ready to rebel, and to lend a hand in disturbing the country, even though the operation should involve a coalition with their old antagouists; but they took it for granted that if any victory was won, they should obtain their fair share of the plunder with the others.

These natural hopes have been dashed by the precipitancy of the Seward managers. The coalition had not been three hours in session became it obvious that the latter intended to monopolise the whole points of the contest; and that, in plain words, the Northern party was destined to be nothing more than the old whig party under a new name and new colors, with William H. Seward at its head. Such was the haste and such the indiscretion of the agents employed by Mr. Seward that before the first day's session was over the mine was sprung. and the free soil democrats saw they had been entrapped. Their indignation may readily be conceived. The disgraceful brawls which took place within the walls of the convention were only a prelude to still more flerce ebullitions of temper without. Furious enithets are at this moment flying like hail between the disgusted free soil democrats and agonized Seward whigs.

The scene is altogether very fine and edify

ing. Here are a parcel of men who cry poignantly to Heaven against the sin of slavery and with virtuous zeal call upon their country men to enroll themselves in a league whose object shall be to prevent se spread of the institution. Before they have been together three hours, they fall a quarrelling among themselves about the division of the booty they expect to capture. One party says that Seward and his friends mu-t have it all. The other exclaims-with remarkable truth-that such a scheme is a mere trick to resuscitate the whig party under new colors, and that If, as the resolutions state, old party distinctions are to be abolished, the spoils should be divided among the whole band irrespective of early associations. This suggestion is booted by the whig majority, and the confederates split in high dudgeon and furiously savage with each other. Had either the whig or the democratic branch of the party been sincere, it could not have foundered on such a rock as this. Had the establishment of the free soil doctrine been their only object, it would have mattered little under what leaders that object was gained, and the first signs of a fight about the spoils would have met with general and peremptory reprobation. But as in fact the authors of the Saratoga Convention cared not one straw about the extension of slavery-as their sole aim was to organize a party that could carry the election of 1856, and command the spoils of the federal government for four yearsthe choice of leaders was in reality a paramount concern, and the division of the spoils the chief topic of debate. The grasping ambition of Seward and his partizans has precluded any understanding or accord on these points; and the democratic confederates have accord ingly secoded, leaving the waigs alone in the held. The great Northern alliance is henceforth nothing but the detunct whig party galvanized

into life under a new name. Such is the net result of six months labor on the part of the Sewari leaders. The excitement aroused by the Nebraska bill in certain sections of the country afforded them a fair opportunity of setting on foat a strong antislavery party, with ramifications extending into the temperance, women's rights and other ocal camps; and bad they passessed one atom of succeity in their denunciations of that mea-are and its principles, it is reyord a doubt that eld par y cal u-ies and personal rivalries would not have been suffered to defeat the common a m As is was, it turns out that heir anti slavery aspirations were the least rouble ome of their cares: the spoils, and the ther rewards of political ambition were the eal desiderata, and on these they split like ashy a similar faction. All experience shows at corrupt comb nations for the purpose of rasping power or booty are sure to fail at me time or other : some endure until the bject of the conlition is effected, as in the case President Pierce, and then dissolve and ightfut ciscord and disgraceful revelations th others, the rapture follows so closely af er the junction, that the very existence the combination is left a matter of doubt his has been the fate of the Saratoga Convenon and the new Northern party. So blind ere the leaders and so intent on their corrup signs, that they could not restrain their evi essions for a day, and shivered into fragments ithin a few hours after their union was conon mated. The same telegraph announce

The faratoga Convention-A Split in the their fraternal embraces and their desperate broils. In one column of the newspapers we find a touching parrative of their abuegation of party, in a other a spirited account of their partison virulence. Between the two factions into which they have split it is hard to choose The preponderance of duplicity has been on the side of Seward; but his rivals have surpassed him in felly. Equally balance i in point of corruption and carelessness about principles, the whigs have proved their superiority in the art of deception, while the free so I democrats carry off the palm of cynici-m. No blush overspread the cheeks of the latter when they boldly announced that all they sought was the spoils, and these being denied them they seceded from the movement : the whigs at Il keep up the farce of pretending that they are not whigs, but Northern auti-slavery agitators. The pitiful disguise of a name will hardly do them much good at the elections.

OUR NAVAL STEAMERS-THE SAN JACINTO DISABLED.—The inadequacy of the steam frigates attached to the United States navy to the requirements, has been toe cause of a great deal of trouble, expense and annoyance to the government during the past ten years. From the year 1813 up to the present time, the Navy Department has been engaged in a series of experiments in steamers; and of the twenty-six versels of this class which have been built or sliered for naval purposes, but two-the Misis ippi and the Powhatan-have been satisfactory and successful. We have now to add aucther casualty to the already overflowing list. The San Jacinto is one of the new steamers, and the was recently fitted for a cruise in the Baltic, to protect American interests in that quarter. She sailed from Philadelphia on this craise on the 12th inst., and on the 19th she put into the port of Boston disabled. The accident was one of the worst that could have happened. Her bed-plate is broken, and her machinery must all be taken out. This will require -everal months time, and the Baltic cruise must be given up. The San Jacinto is a propeller, and s worked with two "square" engines, with inclined cylinders and vertical air pumps. These engines are very irregular in their actiontheir friction is great; they are constantly liable to fracture and difficult to keep in order or repair. Such was the testimony of the Chief Engineer of the United States Navy, placed on record in 1853. The propeller has been twice altered; the engine was disabled on the first trip. The greatest speed ever obtained by this versel was nine miles an hour.

The San Jacinto was built at Brooklyn, and launched in June, 1850. She is bark-rigged. and her armament consists of two eight-inch pivot guns, and four eight-inch broadside guns. The first cost of the San Jacinto's machinery was over two hundred thousand dollars; but we really could not say how much money has been pent on it since. We have been thus particuar in the case of the San Jacinto, because the same story, with an alteration of dates, will answer for nearly every steamer in the United States navy. Our naval constructors do not seem to have discovered the secret of building steam versels to carry armaments, and it is time that the contracts were given to others more able in practice and more proticient in their ideas. Our navy is not so large that we can ford, in these trobious times, to lay up a firstclass steam frigate during two or three menths, and we should have ships upon which son e reliance can be placed. The accident to the San Jacinto is an unfortunate affair, we shall be told; but carelessness had more to do with the matter than accident. Government was told a year ago by its engineer in-chief, that the San Jacinto's engines were constantly liable to fracture. And yet she was ordered to the Baltic as a specimen of American naval architecture, and to watch over American inte-

rests in that telliger at region. All these matters are important just now, partly because we may be plunged into war at hort notice, but chiefly because six nea trigates are to be built immediately. We hope that the people will get something for the three millions which will be spent on these vessels, and that they will be creditable to the ser-

Musical and Drematic Matters ABRIVAL OF GRISI AND MARIO—NO PUBLIC DEMON STRATION—OPENING OF THE BROAD FAY THRATRE — MR. RENET PARREN—POBELON AND DUMESTIC

Madame Grisi and Signor Mario arrived here on Saturday afternoon, in the steamship Baltic. The contemplated excursion to meet them did not take place, because the Baitic made an unusually ravid passage. The artists, with their "staff," proceeded to the St. Nicholas Hotel, where elegant apartments had been provided for them. Mr. Hackett the manager of the troupe, also arrived in the same ship. There is a great deal of anxiety felt by the entire public as to the plan of the season, which is aumonneed to commence at Castle Garden on the 4th September, and it is stated that Grisi and Mario vil appear in a grand ope a, the seats being sold at five dollars each, as a tixe! price. We presum that the public will be made aware of Mr. Haskest's intentions in ample season for all practical purposes The opening of Castle Garden by these artists will be a bapt y inauguration of the ve y brilliant and lively theatrical season which is before us -- Toe Br adway theat e opens this evening for the regular reason. The only additions to the sto kee apany i last se son are hr. Hanchett, late of the Southern beatres, in place of Mr. Pope, and Mrs. F ance, i place of Mrs. Veroen. The house has been put i good order, and the a-rangements for the season, s far as they have been made known, promise well of its success. M. Berrett, the stage manager a gertleman of ability and experience, and te of ois bes engagements is that of Mr. L. Maphs, lea er of the o c e-tra. The opening bill courses "The Lady of Lyens" and a farce catter 'A over by Proxy." Mr. Henry Farren and Misouisa Howard, two young not popular Lordon tists, play the leading characters in both thes orces. At home they stand very highly with th ublic; in the United States they have yet to make their repulation, and their success will depend main y upon the octoion of the New York public. They eserve, therefore, a fair hearing and a just verdict and we hope to see the theatre crowded with jarors his evening, when their case is to be considered Mr. Farren plays both old and young parts, and several new and peculiar pieces will be presented ouring his engagement.— The thestrical events of the past week present no features worthy of exter des comment. A thrilling orama, of the Ports St. Martin school, has been played at the Bowe v le is casted "I've Centier of Lyons," and the plot terrs of ieff; upon a well known tocident to French timical juri-produces, whereig we are told that such was the resemblance between a highly reestable tomgrois names Lesurge and a robbe un ed limbels that the first was a rested for a muer commutted by the second, tried, convi ted and cut latined. T is is all fait fully represented in the rams (both parts being played by the same person. M . C a les Pope) - xcept the b heading of the to nest man. At the critical moment the mistake is becovered. Virtue in the person of Lesurge offer on his thanks for his deliverance, in the ceut e of the stage, wife Vice, in the person of a "double" spreachting Dubox, is colleted by two gens d'armes.

The play requires very good acting and a minute atu ptien to detail to make it successful. John R Scott has drawn excellent houses at the National, and his bold, vicorous style of acting nightly awakees the enthusiasm of his audience.

Mr. Burton, with a portion of the Chambers street com any, has been playing alternate nights to the Ravel Fauily, at N blo's, and has drawn full andiences.—T e opera season is drawing to a close. This evening is set apart for the benefit of Signer Graziani, the baritoge, when the " Puritani" and an a t of " Torquato Passo." is announced. Oa Wednesday to e "Grand Lyric Festival" for the bepefit of Max Maretzek and Madame Bertucca Maretzek The worthy di ector is universally popular, and is deserving of a great house. Many sea bear, are already taken, and we have no doubt that Castle Garden will present such an array of beauty and fastion on Wednesday as will gladden the heart of the impresario and send him on his way to Philadelphia rejoicing.—The German Liederkranz Society celebrated the "Summer Night's Musical Festival" at Clifton Park, Staten Islan , on Satur ay. The complementary benefit to Mr. Florence and wife, at Nib. s, on Saturday night, was a successful affair as far as number could go to make it so, the house being two-thirds filled. The best performance of the night was Howard Payne's comedy of " Charles the Secon !." Messra Scott and Perry being excellent in the parts of Captain Copp and Chartes .--- Mr. Duffield, late of the St. Charles theatre, has taken the stage nanagement of the theatre at Charleston, S. C., and is now in New York, engaging a stock company -Mrs. Farren will shortly play an engage. at the Bowery theatre .- Mr. and Mrs. A. H D venport have returned to Naw York, after s successful Western tour, and they are engaged at the Walnut street theatre, Paadelphis. Mr. Humphrey Bland, formerly gaged at Wallack's theatre for the next ser Mr. William Niblo arrived on Satu day, by the Baltic, and it is stated he has secured several

After some delay, the donation of five hundred dollars made by Mr. Barney Williams to the Wash ington Monument fund has been paid into the tressury of the society. We were obliged to di eco the attention of the proper authorities three times to the fact that the money was in the hands of the editor of the HERALD awaiting their order. Mr. Whittlesev, the general agent, drew on us for the amount, and the draft was paid. The following is a copy of the document:-

povelties for the Garden.

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General Agent. To JAMES GORDON BENNETT. Editor of the HERALD,

New York -Mr. Williams and wife will sail for San Francisco in the mail steamship which leaves this port to day The eptertainments offered for this evening may

be summed up as follows:-At the Broad say theatre " The Lady of Lyons," and " A Lover by Proxy," Mr. Henry Farren and Miss Louisa Howard in the principal parts, support

ed by the stock company.

At Castle Garden, "I Puritani," and " Torquato Tasso," for the benefit of the popular baritone, Signor Graziani.

At Niblo's Garden, the Ravels and M'lle Yros Mathias in their light, agreeable and popular entertain At the Bowery theatre, Miss Susan Denin com

mences an engagement of six nights, and play-Margaret E-more in " Love's Sacrifice," Mr. Rober-Johnston as Matthew Elmore. At the National theatre, Mr. J. R. Scott appears in

favorite orams, and two light pieces will be a ted At Barnum's Museum, popular entertainments sill be presented this afternoon and evening.

At the Hippod ome toe visiters will be amused with a five mile foot race, in addition to the usual

Excellent programmes are put forth for this even ng by Woode's and Buckley's Minstrels. Mr. Wooopens Christy's old ball, 472 Broadway, with a new ompany, this evening. The hall No. 444 Broadway, will also be open as usual.

PHILADELPHIA.—The Arch street theatre was opened for the season on Saturday night last. improvements have been made in the interior of the building. The orchestra stalls have been enlarged and the seats covered with red plush. The old and inconvenient entrance ways have been closed ard broad doorways opened nearer the stair-aseleading into the boxes. The seats in the boxes and second tier have been altered and covered with fine Wilton carpet. The second and third tiers have been entirely enevated and improved. The private boxes are newl, furnished and curtained. The fronts of the first, second and t ird tiers have been decorated with richly g it ornaments. The chandeliers bave been burnished, and the entire theatre pa end, painted and corpeted in elegant style. Mr. John Wiser has just finished a beautiful new curtain representing the Paradise of Mahamet. was the opening play. Max Maretzek will open the Chesnut street theatre on the 28th of this menth, with his opera troupe, for a season of four weeks' duration, during which will be produced Messapiello," "Puritant," "Marie de Rohan." 'Luciezia Borgia," "Lucia," " Norma," "Loui-e Muler," and " Rigoletto," the last two never having been given entire in this city. The Walnut will open for the legular season on Minday evening, 28th it st. The house has been thoroughly cleaned, painted, and newly arpeted. Mr. John Seft on contiones in the post of stage manager, which he has so ably filled. But few alterations have been made in the company. The opening attraction will probably be Mus Caroline Richir ga nea Ur. P. Richings. The City Misseum is the title of a new place of smusement which will sportly be o ened in this city. It is located upon the north side of Carlowhill treet, between Fourth and Fifth at ents. The ower floors of tre spa i us build ng are devoted to the purposes of a museum proper. Ascending a one massive staticase, we reach the theatre, o n taining a parquette and two tiers of boxes, combiof accommodating nearly three thousand persons. The stage is thir y-tore- feet in winth, and fifty fly eep. The width of the pasquette is fift -seven feet ets inches. From the stage to the back wall of th parquette measures seventy-one feet. Messes. Achton & Co., the proprietors of this handsome resort, purpose opening it to the public on the 4th preximo. The management has been placed in the bands of Mr. J. E. M D nough, who has engaged the following com any :- Messrs. J. E. Nagle, B. G. Rosers, H. A. Langdon, M. McBride, T. J. Wor. re), S. H. Hemple, H. C. R far, Marshall, Frod. Wenr, Reed, May, Knight, and J. E. McDonough, stoge manager; Miss Louisa Pra , danseuse; Ma denies Eynar, F. N. Drew, Thayer, Miss E. Wood, Mes Lizzie Felding, Mrs. Langdon, (ate Miss Enpa Seed.) Henrietta Baker, Forrester, Louis, E-Norton, and H. Norton, Musical director, Mr. scierzer, forme ly of Barnum's museum, W. F. Joh s n has been engaged as the stage manager of the Chesnut street theatre when the dramatic sease h commences.

BALTIMORE - The Holiday street theatre, under Walcott's management, opened last Monday with The School for Scannal!

Boston .- The National theatre will open on

the 28th instant, with Mrs. Mary Woodward as a "star." This lady was formerly a favorite stock actiess at the old National, and has since a scumuthey are to be su seeded by the new Italian Opera

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Among the passenvers in the steamer America,
at this port for m Liverpool, are several of the company engaged for the new Boston theatre by Mr.
Barry, during his recent tour abroad, viz.:—Mrs.
Wood, come dy actress and vocalist; Mr. Wood, drst
low comecian, but from the Theatre Boyal, Manchester; Mr. James Beanett, first tragedian, from
the Theatre Royal, Birmingham; Mr. Geo. Panocefor, first light comecian, from the Theatre Royal,
Dublin. Several other a tists of eminence will arrive during the present month.

Fourier Terarnicals.—"The Courier of Lyons"

FOREIGN THEATRICALS .- "The Courier of Lyons" was being played at four theatres in London on tho 1st instant. Two other dram as of the same school-'The Old Chateau," and "The Man in the Red House"-bad also been produced at the Ha; market and the Victoria. Grisi's farewell took place on the 7th, as per announcement. Mr. E. L. Davenport bad gene upon another previncial tour, and the date of his departure for the United States has not been fixed. He has a complimentary benefit at the Ly-ceum, London, previous to his departure. The opera sesson at Covent Garden was announced to close on the 14th, and the company to open at Liverpool on toe 4th September. Drury lane theatre is adver tised for rent, "reserving six farewell nights for G. V. Brooke, Esq. (being his last and only performances in London prior to his departure for Ame. rica), commencing on the 23d and ending on the 30th of Oc ober next." Mr. McKean Buchanan has been playing at the Marylebone, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallack at Birmingham, Mr. John Vandephoff having expressed an intention to retire from the scage, a meeting of his friends and admirers was recently beid at Liver, ool, and a deputation waited upon t e tragedian to request him to reconsider his determination. He complied with the request. The scene is said to have been an affective one. Mrs. Hudson Kirby, who is engaged for the "heavy" tragedy at the new Boston heatrs, could not sail by the America, on account of injuries received on the 21st July, at the Plymouth theatre. Her diess took fire from some fan lights placed at the back of the stage. She was not seriously

From Paris we learn that the government has taken the Grand Overa into its own hands; the enormous debt (\$200,000) which ruined M. Nestor

enormous debt (\$200,000) which ruined M. Nestor Roqueplan has been assumed by the government, and we are to have by the Great Exhibition of next and we are to have by the Great Exhibition of next year the most spicoud operation establishment in the world; its corps of cancers and of singers will be unsurpassed. Large offers are made to Madamo Jenny Lino. M'me Stoits is engaged. The Vandeville theatre—closed to consequence of M. Phibes-deaux's failure—will shortly be re-opened with the bast company in Pans. The Varietts theatre has almost complete its Augean task, and it promises to be the go-est theatre here now the interest has almost complete its Augean task, and it promises to be the go-est theatre here now to income. "Les An outeux de ma Femme" (My Wife's Love). An old fellow, with a young wife, is at Ostend; a troop of danoies hay stege to the lady's heart; the husband becomes patous; to save himself, he tellas ill the suttors trat she is his ward, and that poor as sie it, he wan's to marry her well. None of them want to be victimize, and they all quit her except an Italian, who wholes to marry her, fortune or no fortune, and he drags in a notary. An explaration take place. The fallian is an deseptor. All the other sunt or return, but madame has learned how valueless their love is, and she remains trus to her hu-band.

M'le Rachel will not appear again on the stage

her husband.

M'le Racbel will not appear again on the stage before September; she pe sists in her resignation, and positively asserts that see intends altogether retiring from the stage, and that she has no idea of going to the United States.

LAUNCHED -At Port Jefferson, on the 18th inst., by Messra. Bedell & Darling a beautiful schooner of 500 tons, named the Ralph P st. She is a fine specimen of Brook-Haven build, is unlabed throughout in the most substantial manu-r, and is the third schooner launched this sesson by her enterprising builders She is owned town L I., at which latter place her commander, Capt. Hamilton D. Cona da, resides She is late aded for Raipla Post's line of Apalachicous packets, and will commen her regular trips immediately She will be to sed to this or , soon where she may be seen at pler 11 East river. Good Voyage -The of poer ship Golden City, 'anneld, arrived yesterday from Shaughae in 108 days. New York for San I rand-co on the 22d October last, and has nade the voyage around the world in nine m

> Poster Intelligence. GREAT HAUL OF COUNTERPRITERS.

some time past the public have been imposed upon by a large gang of counterf-iters, whose operations were vidently got up on a large and very secret scale. Perone ricing in stages at night to our own knowledge had everal counterfeit quarter dollars passed upon them in exchange for good money The police for the last week have been on the qui vice for the purpose of ferretting out this gang of lawless mea. On Friday the first due was obtained in the acrest of a man p porcesion, by Officer Waish. The news of this man's riest being communicated to Capt. Dilk, of the Four-teenth ward police, he, along with officers Walsh, Miller, riest being communicated to Capt. Dilk, of the Fourteenth ward police, he, along with officers Walsh, Miller,
Elder and Wells, proceeded to the public house corner of
loward and keiner streets, called the "Smile," and
there arrestee William W. Bouten, Wallsoe eamore,
lear chefulty, and no my G. Edwards, the proprieter of
the house. In the possession of the three first
was tound a large quantity of bugus. Spealsh
shillings and quarter do lare, which were taken care of
by the police. The either first mentioned man are stago
divers by profession. Venulty, who was arrested outsice the building by Sergeant kider, attached to the Jofferrom Market pilese court lives at 165 righth avenue.
A ventch warrant being pieces in the hands of officers
Miller, Wells and Walsh, the house of Wallace Scamore,
No. 552 eventh avenue, was searched, and a quantity of
begus money found there. Ventume, while officers
Walsh filer, Miller an Wells were a resting these permens cieven others we e arrestee by a guard of men unort (apt. 11.5s. on surption of being coonsected in the
relations trade. They gave their mance as Robert.
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leier Garther. He by Lipp incont, and James Bronser.
All the parties were taken before Judge Bloward, who
thoreughly investigated the matter, and made the following cityout on the principers.—
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is de liu tois band were also found burgiars' tools and a number of hark safekays, e frontly factionly, o several it the keys of our mercha it and non-r'safes. The arrest of tiese terres stage crivers, committee by Justice tewart for tiese terres stage crivers, committee by Justice tewart for ties, who are, as we have said before, all tage drivers, will lead to the arrest of severa others impleyed in the work of passing this spurious coin upon the justice. ARREST OF TWO PUGITIVES CHARGED WITH MUR

Inforestion was received a few days age from Phila-I only, charged with the murder of a poltceman in that city, named No-ney, which took place about turce years go, had strived in the United States ship Relief, from te Brazil const, and sore at present adjourning in New York. Accordingly, the Chief of Poles, Mr Matsell, evised measures for their arrest, and deputed Captern Livetest, of the Fourth ward police, for that purpose, This officer ac my upon matructions received, proceeded to the Navy Yard, and went on board the Relief, where he found the tugitives, who had just been discharged from the ship. He immediately took them into connody, and conveyed them to the Fourth ward station house, where they will remain until they can be taken been to foliately his, there to await their trial for murder. The crime with which these med are charged was perpetrated in the win e of 1861. At the time of the tragedy the prisone a telougest to the was amenating Hose Company, at that time standing high with the well-room. "Killers, 'anoth was in one of those dispraceful fights that so often took place between rival free companies that the uniterinate usine man was killed. After the communish of the homelree the accused parties flet from the city, and were absent over three years before any intermation of the winerabouts was known. They shipped an heard the store ship keller, and, during the rabence on a long cruise where, we are assured continually in its nation in utinous conduct. Stiphway Kothery - Vest roay officer Underhill arrested a man hanced fattlick Farrell, on a warrant, who is charge in the affiliavit of Lawrence Conway with naving knowled in cover and is forcible means, at the resistance. If the compalation, 2003, avonue A. abstract. of from his piece is three twenty dollar gold pleens, and to diluter that there was another man with the prisoner at the time but not yet arrested, eno participated in the roblers. And become in the down and he revenue a man named for examination. frem the ship. He immediately took them into custody,

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she letence shortly to return. Miss Annette Inc. is
playing at the moseum. The Gabriel Ravel troupe
have concluded their season at the Howard, and
with better clothing. He was looked up in the reation-